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Denali Commission
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**RE: McGrath Native Village Council Replacement Clinic
Project No. 0060-DC-2002-I13
Quarterly report for period ending 9/30/03**

Dear Mr. Neimeyer,

Please find enclosed the narrative and financial status report for the quarter ending September 30, 2003.

If you should have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our office at (907) 524-3024.

Sincerely,

MCGRATH NATIVE VILLAGE COUNCIL

**Tamara J. Vanderpool
Tribal Administrator**

McGrath Native Village Council
Large Clinic Conceptual Planning Quarterly Report
July – September 2003

NARRATIVE REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS

The McGrath Native Village Council continues in its efforts to gain site control and to identify and acquire matching funds for construction. This quarter brought three new council members to the McGrath Native Village Council (MNVC). Two local fundraising campaigns were initiated in September while research continues for additional matching funds.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

The project continues to be behind schedule but on budget. The business plan is essentially complete except for needed information on matching funds, land site control and the final decisions on space needs. However, the business plan data collected from TCC last year is now outdated. A written request for updated clinic financial and visit data was submitted to G. Carmichael at TCC on 9/11/03. It should be available by the end of October, 2003. There is discussion of Southcentral Foundation possibly assuming operational control of the clinic from the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. A joint meeting is scheduled in McGrath on Oct. 17th. If this change in program management occurs, most of the Business Plan will need revising.

Land acquisition is again close to completion. MNVC intends to purchase one acre from the area's village corporation, MTNT. A purchase agreement is currently under legal review. If approved, signatures are expected by the end of October. Closing should then be within 60 days.

Two local fundraising efforts began in September. These include a direct request letter and the placement of donation cans at various public locations in McGrath. The project is called *Help for Health*. Funds are held in a separate MNVC "clinic" account and donors are being counted. Funding request letters were sent out to 315 individuals and businesses and donations received as of Sept. 30th total \$2925. Although these efforts are not expected to raise significant matching funds, they will demonstrate local commitment to the new clinic project.

A review of the Rasmuson Foundation website confirmed that only one Letter of Interest may be submitted each year. A Letter of Inquiry was sent to them in March 2003 at the urging of Joyce Hughes, T.A. advisor. In retrospect our letter was premature as no local funds had been raised for the project. MNVC was not asked to submit a full proposal because local commitment was not demonstrated. With two fundraisers in place, the project director will request a waiver of the once-per-year Letter of Interest submission requirement.

Research to find matching grant funds has been ongoing. Both the project director and staff from the McGrath/Evansville/Telida (MET) joint venture have been working to identify potential funding sources. MET staff are researching possible funding sources through a subscription grant clearing house called Grant Station. A review of the initial batch of possible match funders yielded no realistic opportunities. The search continues. The MNVC is also planning a raffle for later this year.

A decision is needed to be by the MNVC Council on whether to build non-clinical space as part of the new clinic project. Based on the community space planning meetings held over the summer,

on discussions with MNVC staff, and with TCC's Subregional Director, Poppy Harris, the following was recommended by the project director for MNVC's consideration:

Clinical Space – Based on the *Alaska Rural Primary Care Facility Needs Assessment* (October, 2000), the average cost for construction of a subregional clinic are \$4 million. With no consideration for inflation, at least \$800,000 in matching funds is needed to build just the clinic space. A clinic van used by the on-call provider and for patient transportation will need heated storage as will medical supply storage. With telemedicine and teleradiology equipment now in use, better connectivity for this technology is needed. The new clinic director employed by TCC needs to be brought in on the project. CHR and Health Educator offices are considered clinical and will fall under the 20% match rule.

Non-Clinical Space – Denali Commission covers 80% of *exterior* construction costs only. Interior finish construction costs must be paid for with other funds. Meetings were held this past summer with agencies and individuals on non-clinical space needs in McGrath.

The TCC subregional office would like to be located in the same facility as the clinic. This will improve communications between all TCC programs and coordination between the clinic staff and the TCC subregional office. Bob McGee, TCC's Finance Director, has agreed to this move (informally through verbal and e-mail communications) so long as new office lease costs are "reasonable". Poppy Harris, TCC subregional director, said TCC leases 870 square feet @ \$1.85 per square foot or \$1,609.50 a month. This covers all utilities, including fuel & janitorial services. The agreement also states that MNVC will provide meeting room space for non-revenue producing purposes and storage space.

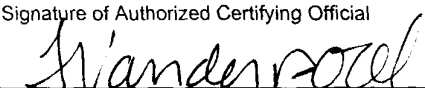
The Kuskokwim Valley Rescue Squad would like to use the clinic for training classes such as EMT, ETT, CPR, etc. Classes are mostly in the evenings or on weekends. In addition, they need storage space for rescue equipment and the ambulance. The City of McGrath provides heated ambulance parking and storage space now at no cost.

The location of the Elder's nutrition program kitchen is not handicap accessible. If this program is moved to the clinic, local elder's could eat at the site now and then. This would give them social time and bring them into the clinic. While there, clinic staff could take blood pressures, encourage check ups and see how people were doing.

A large meeting room, with sliding doors in the middle, and a kitchen could meet most of the needs identified above and for clinic staff meetings and training. A long room that can be closed into smaller rooms doors would reduce space conflicts and provide privacy

MNVC staff would like office space which brings the staff closer together as a team. It also makes more space at the Chamai Center available for other MNVC priorities. Leasing space for the TCC offices provides revenues to MNVC to help pay building expenses. IHS lease funds have been very stable and help pay for utilities and repairs. However, since this increases the need for matching and additional construction funds, the MNVC is still considering these recommendations.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
(Short Form)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Denali Commission		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency 0060-DC-2002-113		OMB Approval No. 0348-0039		Page 1 of 1	
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code) McGrath Native Village Council P.O. Box 134 McGrath, Alaska 99627							
4. Employer Identification Number 92-0068437		5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number		6. Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		7. Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual	
8. Funding / Grant Period From: (Month, Day, Year) 8/1/2000		To: (Month, Day, Year) 31-Dec-03		9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year) 1-Jul-03		To: (Month, Day Year) 30-Sep-03	
10. Transactions:				I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative	
a. Total outlays				3,751.13	1,100.00	4,851.13	
b. Recipient share of outlays							
c. Federal share of outlays				3,751.13	1,100.00	4,851.13	
d. Total unliquidated obligations							
e. Recipient share of unliquidated obligations							
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations							
g. Total federal share (Sum of lines c and f)						4,851.13	
h. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period						100,000.00	
i. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line h minus line g)						95,148.87	
11. Indirect Expense		a. Type of Rate (place "X" in appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional <input type="checkbox"/> Predetermined <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed b. Rate c. Base d. Total Amount e. Federal Share					
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing							
13. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.							
Typed or Printed Name and Title Tamara Vanderpool, Tribal Administrator					Telephone (Area code, number and extension) (907) 524-3024		
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 					Date Report Submitted October 3, 2003		